

Characteristics of the True Horseman

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While much has been written of horses, both as to the best breeds and the best methods of handling, yet we seldom stop to consider that it takes a true horseman to bring out the best in a horse, whether he be a thoroughbred, a heavy, well bred, or one of very inferior breed.

By a true horseman we do not mean the man who, by exciting his mount, can cause him to take the highest jump, nor yet the man who can sit the bucking broncho in spite of the animal's every effort to throw him. The high jump may be taken by the dyedevil who rushes into danger for the sake of the excitement, and a man naturally athletic can sit on the bucking broncho from sheer ability to sway and bend his body with every motion. But the true horseman realizes he cannot conquer, and so surrenders; but it is the man who knows his horse before he has actually tried him; who can gauge the strong qualities before putting him to the test, and who can so use the animal as to bring out the best in him, with the least exertion to both man and beast, who deserves the cognomen of a true horseman; and only the men with these characteristics can ever hope to be truly successful in handling horses.

The Rough Man a Poor Horseman.
When a man is known to be very rough and somewhat careless of his undertakings, and has been seen to handle mean, unruly horses with apparent success, he often gets the reputation of being a "good horseman," and on the strength of this reputation he is often given the reins of a horse of good temper, and, unfortunately, the reins of a horse of bad temper. The man who is rough and careless of his horse, and who is not a true horseman, is a poor horseman.

The Good Horseman Knows His Horse.
The old proverb says, "It is a wise man who knows himself," and we may say with equal truth, "The good horseman knows his horse." Since it is the man who can judge his horse before he has been trained and can pick the chances before the race, whose knowledge of horses may be depended upon, and who is a true horseman, even if he has never owned or handled one in his life. The man who visits the show ring, and after watching a winner carry off several ribbons, decides to purchase an animal and displays the same as a proof of his own knowledge of horses is not proving that he is a good horseman, since, in the first place, he knows from personal observation that the horse has done better than he has, and secondly, the chances are that he may show that the horse is a poor horse.

The next decade will find that even when favorable comment, to say nothing of blue ribbons, and if we want to locate the good horseman in this case, we must find the man who picks a colt with a rough coat, when he has carefully trained him (for we no longer break our horses), and accompanied him first to the halter, and then to the bridle, and step by step, and with the blue ribbons, he has carefully prepared him for the show ring, and the blue ribbons, he has carefully prepared him for the show ring, and the blue ribbons, he has carefully prepared him for the show ring.

Treatment of a Horse on the Road.
The writer recently had occasion to make certain investigations among the livestock of Gloucester, Amelia and Loudoun counties, and decided to make a trip in a light car. A day or two before starting, he was careful to tell his horse in such a way as to tell him that he was going to the show ring, and was very much gratified that after covering a distance of fifty-five miles in one day, the horse seemed as fresh and ready to start the next morning as he was the day previous. On noticing this the writer made a mental note of the fact that the day before he had given moderate feeds, had allowed the horse to take a few swallows of water very recently, and had kept to a steady trot throughout the day. The writer is not intended here to particularly emphasize the fact that the given number of miles were covered in a day, as doubtless others have gone farther in the same length of time, at the point in question is simply to show a certain line of treatment produced very satisfactory results, or in other words, that by careful feeding before starting, moderate meals on the road, a little water frequently, and a good, steady gait (instead of a rapid change from gait to gait) made the trip one of ease to the horse and real pleasure to the driver, whereas, if less care had been taken with regard to feed, water and speed, it might have been a hard day's work for the horse and an extremely tedious journey for the driver.

Horsemen of the South.
In no section of this country do we find so many real, true horsemen as in the South, and to-day many of our young men who are working on small salaries in the cities are naturally fine judges of horses and excellent horsemen, and if they were only so situated financially that they could

breed and handle thoroughbreds, they would be a real blessing to the country, as, say what we may, nothing can ever replace horses to any great extent, nor will man ever be willing to forego the pleasure and companionship of this animal. Therefore, we must breed more horses, and as has so often been said, it behooves us to breed only the best; and if any one doubts the need of breeding more and better horses, let him decide suddenly that he wants a pair of horses on short notice, giving the style, conformation, manners, weight, height, age and color desired, and then note the length of time it will take to find just what he wants, and he will no longer doubt.

Good Horses Uphold Business.
Do not let the view of the skeptic, the use of electrical vehicles, nor even adverse legislation persuade him that the day of the horse is over; for not only is it not over, but the demand far exceeds the supply, and while the so-called adverse legislation has put a stop to betting, and so has dealt a blow at racing in general, this is but a safeguard for our youth and the unlucky victims of notorious gamblers and bookmakers, and should not for a moment interfere with our breeders, since after all it is not the race-horse which assures the fortune of our horsemen; for even though they are winners, if end they mean no profit for the owner. A single season's work can put thousands in race-horses, and then let it thus lie idle until the day comes when the winnings, indeed, reward the long wait.

In conclusion, let every man, whether he keeps horses for breeding purposes, or for pleasure, or for work, work for mere pleasure of riding and driving his own horses, be sure that they are properly bred in the first place—and by properly bred we mean the use of the best available blood-mares, and only the very best registered sires, and secondly, let us that they have the very best of care,

and that they are only handled by a good horseman. If you do not understand the proper handling of horses yourself, if you can possibly do so secure the services of a thoroughly good horseman to handle them for you, as the good horseman will improve the inferior horse, and make the good horse show up for just what he is worth, whereas the poor or incompetent horseman will soon render the inferior animal valueless, and shortly reduce the good horse to the former state of the inferior animal. A horse worth owning is worth all the care and attention necessary to keep him in good form, both as to flesh and general condition, at all times, and the true horseman takes as good care of his horse when he is working him to the plow as when he is preparing the show horses for the ring. With him it is not merely the number of dollars and cents the horse will bring him on the market, but it is rather the bestowal of all important care upon a trusted companion and friend, who, in return for kindness, feeding, grooming, stabling, etc., will at all times serve him to the best of his ability, and be a living example of what proper handling by a good horseman means to the horse.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN

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Of all Virginians that I recall, certainly among those to the manner born, not one has shown greater aptitude as a student of blooded lines and pedigrees than James O. Winston, who has ever been loyal to the trotting horse, and who, secondly, has been a very busy man, though his trotters furnish a lot of beautiful diversion, and for an amateur he can team a fast horse to a running good finish either on the track or on the road. Winston and family now reside at Kingston, N. Y., while his horses are quartered at the Kingston Driving Park, with Thomas Dolphin in charge. Dolphin was formerly one of Allie Trout's assistants at Maplehurst Farm, near Boston, where the famous sire, Baron Wilkes, ruled as premier for years.

Sahib, Son of Bingen, at Kingston Driving Park.
The Kingston Driving Park is near the town, and Dolphin occupies the main training barn, with ten or twelve horses, all of them trotters, and of which Sahib, 2:23 3/4, the brown stallion, 6, by Bingen, 2:06 1/4, out of Lady Ethelwynn, by Jack Daw, 2:28 1/4, is probably the best known horse in the stable. One of the best individuals among the sons of his far-famed sire Sahib came to his speed early, as at two years he could go better than 2:30 speed, and he worked a mile 2:18 at three, and at 2:15 at four, and his record was made at five, with a trial around 2:14.

This season the brown stallion trained off, and when he rounded to no attempt was made to give him fast work. Sons of Bingen are proving wonderfully successful in the stud, and the get of Sahib seem already to indicate what may be expected of Lady Ethelwynn's son as a sire, though so far he has only four foals, two of which are yearlings and the others only weanlings.

An Impressive Sire is Sahib.
Of this lot, all bred and owned by Mr. Winston, the yearling colt, out of Mabel S., by Ashland Wilkes, is now an impressive looking youngster, full fifteen hands high, who, with little else than mere breaking, worked eight quite handily around 18 seconds—2:24 gait. In fact, on a cold, windy day this month I saw Dolphin place this sturdy, well-made colt nearly that fast in company with Miss Caleta, 2:29 3/4, who, with Mr. Winston up, had to be driven out to finish on even terms with her infantile rival.

This colt is known as "Sinhad" at the track, and the other yearling is a bay filly, led Sceptre. Her sire is Script, by The Bondsman, second dam Luzelle, 2:15 1/4, one of the best three-year-olds of her day, by Patron, 2:14 1/4, from Rachel Ray, a great brood mare, by Overstreet Wilkes, a



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Norfolk Fair Grounds Leased.
The grounds and track of the Norfolk Horse Show Association, near Norfolk, have been leased for a period of five years by Henry Cooper, a wealthy truck farmer and large land owner in that vicinity. It is stated that Mr. Cooper will maintain the plant for training purposes and as a gentleman's driving park, with annual spring and fall race meetings. There is ample accommodation for about 400 horses in the grounds, and the buildings are all in fine order.

Known as the Virginia State Fair Association, until succeeded by the Norfolk Horse Show and Fair Association six years back, the plant was

founded by John Mariner along in the early nineties. He, as the head of the organization controlling it, spent money freely in equipments, including a mammoth steel exhibition building and a spacious grandstand. Mr. Mariner, who later removed from Norfolk to Washington, D. C., will be recalled as the owner of quite a number of fast horses, among them Prince Purdy, 2:15 1/4, one of the best campaigners of a dozen years back. Three annual horse shows were held on a pretentious scale by the Norfolk association, which entailed a loss of over \$11,000, when the big exhibition building was sold to the Greensboro, N. C., where it is now in use. Due to the presence of the Jamestown Exposition nearby no meeting was held at Norfolk in 1907, while unfavorable weather conditions seriously interested with the success of the races last summer. Mr. Cooper announces that Norfolk will be in line for 1909, as the opening of the Maryland-Virginia circuit, as usual, with liberal purses and a speed program likely to prove attractive to owners and trainers.

friend's club, at Vernon, outside of Los Angeles, has announced his intention of going through with the engagement, and if he is successful against Kelly he will then seek another date with Ketchell. He already has the promise of a date from Ketchell's manager, but the principal thing in the fighting game just at present is to get a man to promote the event who is not anxious to make very much money. After Coffroth's loss of yesterday, it is unlikely that the pair will get any big guarantees. They may get a chance to work on a percentage of the gate receipts, but they are apt to draw a none too good game when they meet again. It is pretty firmly established in the minds of the sport followers that Ketchell will win the time they meet, if he feels so disposed.

the American League. Clarke Griffith was let out at New York last summer, while Jimmy Callahan is a semi-pro magnate in Chicago.

The season of 1902 saw the Athletics win the pennant with the following players: Waddell, Plank, Huston, Mitchell and Wilson, pitchers; Schreck and Powers, catchers; Davis, Castro, Bonner, Murphy, Monte Cross, Lavi Cross, infielders; Hartel, Fultz and Seybold, outfielders. Many of these are now either in the minor leagues or out of the game altogether, the big league survivors being Waddell, Plank, Schreck, Powers, Davis, Murphy, Hartel and Seybold.

Boston took its turn at winning the pennant in 1903, with a team composed of Young, Dinneen, Hughes, Winters and Gibson, pitchers; Criger, Farrell and J. Stahl, catchers; La Chance, Farwell, Parent and Collins, infielders; Dougherty, C. Stahl, Freeman and O'Brien, outfielders.

Perhaps that bunch have not scattered. Of the pitchers, Young is the only one still playing with Boston. Dinneen is in St. Louis, Winters in Detroit, Hughes in Washington, while Gibson is a coach at Notre Dame. After having been a member of three other clubs, J. Stahl is back again to play first base. Criger is the only pitcher left. Ferris is a Brown, Jimmy Collins belongs to the Athletics, and Parent is one of the White Sox. Chick Stahl is dead, Dougherty is a Chicagoan and Freeman is in the A. A.

The only changes in the make-up of the team that won the pennant for Boston in 1904 were the substitution of Jesse Tannehill for Tom Hughes and "Kid" Sebach for Dougherty in the outfield. Tannehill is now with Washington, while Sebach is a minor leaguer. The Athletics won the pennant again in 1905 with practically the same lineup as in 1902. The new men were planter, Conkley and Bender, infielders. Of the six newcomers, Bender is the only one who is still one of the Athletics. Conkley is with the Chicago Cubs, Hoffman with the Browns and the others dropped to the minor leagues. Lord being scheduled to join the Naps in the spring.

Although the White Sox won the pennant as late as 1906, four members of that world's championship failed to stick, the quartet, consisting of Pitcher Patterson, Second Baseman Henderson, Left Fielder Baseman Rube and Outfielder O'Neill.

A resume of the above shows that of the first two pennant-winning teams there are only three men left in the league, while there are only twenty-one champions of the first five years still remaining in the circuit.

Gossip of the Prize Ring

BY JEFF THOMPSON.

NEW YORK, November 28.—Joe Gans is willing to take on any of the aspirants for the lightweight title, but he is not willing to take on one of the "Old Masters." The one-time "Old Master" has had all he wants of Nelson's game. He declares frankly that the Dane can whip him or any other man of his weight now fighting, but as to McFarland, Murphy, Cross or the others—that's an entirely different proposition. It looks like easy money to Gans to get on with any of the others. He said recently:

"Seems funny that neither Cross, Murphy nor McFarland will box me, and they're supposed to be wonders. Why, I'll tell the whole bunch now that they have no more chance with Nelson than I have with a Gatling gun, and that's honest way down deep. Too, Battling Nelson said that the first boy who could beat me could have a chance for the title in two months. That's good, isn't it? They won't be champions until they beat Nelson and myself, and they might as well start now as to wait a while."

"McFarland ought to speak up. He had the best of Murphy, and according to the papers, if he's any sort of fighter at all he ought to beat a fellow like me."

"Yes, I've got a few more six-round fights left in me, but it's just as hard to get a fight now as it was when I was champion. I suppose after I'm licked nine or ten times more they'll want a crack at me, but right now you can't get a peep out of them."

It's a fact that the boys don't seem tumbling over each other to accommodate Mr. Gans.

In their accounts of the late Britt-Summers scrap the English papers refer to James Edward as "Jimmy" Britt, while the lightweight champion, Jimmy must have been enlarging upon his win over Battling Nelson a few months before Bat fought Gans for the title. That reverse English sort of argument may be good enough to suit the British, but how will Jimmy explain matters to Bat Nelson if he

meets him on a dark night after his return?

"Johnny" Burdick, the well known trainer, who got "Terry" McGovern, "Young" Corbett and "Jimmy" Britt in shape for their important championship battles, has been signed by Manager James A. Hogg to get "Eddie" Stanton in shape for several matches which are pending.

The police seem to be in earnest in their crusade against boxing in this city, and for a time at least the game here is as dead as a last year's bird's nest, with small hope of revival unless the Legislature is kind and passes a law permitting boxing matches or fights. Some of the fight promoters profess to be hopeful that there is a chance for such a law, but it is more than doubtful so long, at least, as Governor Hughes is at the helm of the ship of state.

If the boxing promoters here have an idea that they are getting the worst of it from the police, they can look to Cincinnati for sympathy. O. M. John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain are traveling around the country together with a burlesque show, and were down to show in the town made famous by Garry Herrmann. It was announced that these two ancient and mastodon gladiators would climb into the ring and bump porticoes for a few rounds. Immediately the Mayor of the Ohio city got busy.

He thought he saw an attempt being made on the part of the short-haired brethren to tip the lip a trifle, and accordingly he announced that there would be nothing doing. "Such spectacles," declared the Mayor, "partakes of the brutal, and I think it a very wise law which calls for its prohibition. Under the circumstances, we cannot tolerate such an exhibition." "The Mayor will stop the fight," stated Secretary Scott Stahl. "Under the law we cannot allow it. It does not concern us whether Sullivan and Kilrain stand on their heads or slide on their ears, but when they announce a pugilistic exhibition it is our duty to stop it."

Now, what do you think of that?

According to a story from Pittsburg, Young Corbett will open in his version of "The Regeneration" in the Smoky City next week. The former champion and "Kid" Brock, of Cleveland, will go six rounds at the New National Athletic Club. Brock intends to come East after that fight and try for McFarland or Murphy.

PAPKE WANTS ANOTHER CHANCE

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., November 28.—Stanley Ketchell, now the middleweight champion of the world, was around town to-day with scarcely a mark to show for his encounter Tuesday afternoon at the Mission Street Arena. Billy Papke, who lost his title to Ketchell, did not show up all day. He left the ring badly marked. He also received severe body punishment. Immediately after the bout he was taken to a Turkish bath, and took many hours of the hot treatment. It was his hope to be on the street to-day as free from marks as possible, but the bruised face and swollen body did not respond to the treatment of hot baths and attendance and the "Thunderbolt" was not able to make his appearance to-day.

Already there is talk of rematching the men. Papke, through his manager, Tom Jones, has made a request for a return date, and Ketchell, through his manager, Joe O'Connor, has expressed a desire to meet Papke again. It is very much of an "Alphonse-Gaston" match. Never were two fighters so courteous to each other. It was just so after their last meeting at Los Angeles. Papke, as soon as he approached, consented to meet Ketchell again. Now, when it is up to Ketchell to do the honors, he is "Johnny-on-the-spot" with his acceptance.

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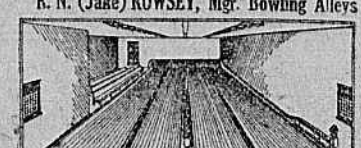
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